COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, July 9th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met Thursday in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Cowan, Boyd, Labatt, Stringer and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Geo. F. Morris and eleven others—Asking that the roof of the Covent Garden Market be repaired. No. Two.

Geo. Pritchard—Asking correction of an error in assessment. No. One.

Mr. D. Fraser—Complaining that cattle run at large in the northeastern part of the city, and asking that steps be taken to enforce the by-law for the protection of the property of ratepayers. Laid over till report of No. Two was read.

F. Love—On behalf of C. N. Nelles, threatening legal proceedings unless the corporation make a favorable settlement for hack destroyed and horses damaged in consequence of the alleged misplacement of a fire alarm telegraph wire.

F. H. Marsh—An account of supplies, $1.76. No. Three

Geo. McFadden and sixteen others—Petition that a street lamp on Grey street, in front of B. M. E. Church, be moved out in line with new sidewalk. No. Three.

Mrs. Campbell, a widow—Asking extension of time for paying taxes No. One.

J. Ferguson—A letter in reference to income tax. No. One.

Jas. Boyle—Claiming $5 from the corporation on account of eight tree guards destroyed by one Thos. Lee and others in the employ of the said corporation. No. Two.

Thos. R. Parker and twelve others—Asking that a proposed new sidewalk be put down near the outer row of trees No. Two.

John Bayly—Claiming $8 compensation for tree-guards destroyed. No. Two.

E. H Hayne, Alex. Hotson and Louis N. Hayne—A petition asking for the construction of a drain on St. James' street, between George and Talbot. Number Two, with power.

Mrs. Hyde—Asking an extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

Ed. Winder—Asking to be relieved of paying sewer tax on Hill street. No. One.

W. T. Williams, Chief of Police—Stating that since the estimates had been forwarded to the chairman of Finance, circumstances had rendered it necessary to appoint two special constables, and he requested that the sum of $250 extra be added to the estimated amount. This makes the total $15,236. One.

A. Cleghorn and others—A petition in reference to a sidewalk. Laid over for the report of No. Two Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES.

A statement furnished by the Chief of Police, under instructions from the Board of Police Commissioners, showed that the estimated cost of the police for the current year as passed at a recent meeting of the Board would be: Salaries, $13,627.50; clothing, equipment, cleaning and heating building and sundries, $1,359 Total, $14,986.50. Of this amount $6,326.52 have been expended up to date (June 26).

Separate School Board—Estimate of expenditure for the year: For paying salaries teachers, assistants, and monitors, $1,950; Inspector, Secy.-Treas., care taker, and other salaries, $304; repairs, fuel, etc., $256; maps and apparatus, $40; other expenses, $50. Total, $2,600.

A. S, Abbott, Secretary Board of Education, furnished a statement of estimates required for the year: Amount required for Public Schools, $31,350 15; for Collegiate Institute, $5,102 10; total $36,452 25.

A DEPUTATION.

A deputation from the Board of Education was heard, on behalf of their application for the amount named in the estimate. The absolute necessity for a new and more commodious school building in the southeastern part of the city was pointed out by Messrs. Kingston, chairman; Christie, Bayly and J. B. Boyle, Inspector. It was shown that the estimates of this year would compare favorably with those of previous years.

Ald. Hyman moved, and Ald. Labatt seconded, that $7.500 for the purpose of erecting a new school in the southeastern part of the city be placed to the credit of the Board of Education. Carried.

A PERSONAL APPLICATION.

Miss Tweedie appeared before the Board, asking that she be allowed time for the payment of her taxes. Referred to No. One

THE FIREMEN'S FETE.

John A. Roe, Chief of the Fire Department and Secretary of the Demonstration Committee—Asking a guarantee grant of $200 from the Council to assist in defraying necessary expenses, but only to be claimed by the committee in the event of the receipts falling short of the expenses. He argued that the demonstration would be a great benefit, financially and otherwise, to the city He also asked the use and control of the Exhibition grounds and buildings on the dates of the demonstration, viz: 28th and 29th of August, and permission to close the gates and charge an entrance fee.

Chief Roe addressed the Board on behalf of his application.

Ald. Cowan moved and Ald. O'Meara seconded,

That the rule of order be suspended, that $200 be guaranteed on behalf of the Firemen's tournament, with a proviso that should that sum or any portion of same not be required to make up a deficiency, that it be not granted.

Carried, with the understanding that No. Three Committee draw up a proper agreement with the Tournament Committee.

NO. THREE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman—1, Payment of account for G. T. R. passes, $7.35; 2, Payment of fire, water, and gas accounts, $1,120 94; 3, Report of Chief Roe for the past six months; 4, Payment of Hospital accounts, $878.35; 5, Dr. Wilkinson's report; 6, That tenders be called for cleaning as follows: That all wards, halls, the laundry, kitchen and pantry be whitewashed, and the present washed off where necessary; that the woodwork, floors and walls, four feet up, of the orderlies and wash-room, be re-painted, two coats; that the base of the long passage be re-painted, two coats, and that two rooms on the first flat be repainted and carpeted; 7, That tenders be called for the necessary repairs and additions required upon the market, in accordance with the Engineer's report; 8, Your Committee beg to lay before you a statement showing the estimated receipts and disbursements under their supervision for the year 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Market—Covent Garden, $1,000; basement, $600; bazaar, $80; hide office, $90; weigh scales, $165; fish stalls, $ 8[illegible]; wood market, $275; hospital, $6,300; street watering, $2,400; licenses, $2,500. Total, $14,680.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Market (as per Engineer's report), $1,200; Market Clerk's salary, $500; Woodmarket Clerk's, $400; Hospital, new additions, $5,067; salaries, $9,933; relief, $3,200; Fire Department, $8,250; street watering, $1,300; lighting street lamps, $5,900; construction and repairs to lamps, $500; License and Relief Officers' outlay, $500; total, $37,750.

Taken up clause by clause; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th passed, and 8th read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the estimated receipts for street watering be reduced from $2,400 to $1,500. Lost, on the following division: Yeas—Boyd, Stringer, Browne and Skinner, four. Nays—Balance of the members present.

The report, as a whole, was passed, the estimates being referred to No. One Committee.

STREET LAMPS.

Ald. Boyd drew attention to the negligent manner in which the street lamps are lighted.

Ald. Skinner thought the police were unable to get down to the southern part of the city.

Ald. Stringer complimented the police force upon the excellent manner in which they kept a record of their observations on the city lamps. Mr. Duffield was getting the street mains and lamps attended to as rapidly as possible.

Ald. O'Meara said Mr. Duffield should keep his agreement with the city and not merely "try to do the best he could."

Ald. Boyd said it was not the fault of the lamps in most cases, but of the lighters. A lamp in front of his house had only been lighted three times two months, and then he did it himself.

The attention of Number Three Committee was, in view of the above statements, called to the difficulty with the hope that they would devise a remedy.

REPORT OF NO. TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman: 1. Payment of pay rolls, $1,854.16, and certified accounts, $2,337.24; 2. Acceptance of the following tenders: Maurice Baldwin, street sweeping, $7 each time for sweeping and removing; pipe laying at camp ground, Plastow Bros., 2¼ cents per foot; carpenter work at camp grounds, Jas. Thornton, $1.75; re-roofing City Hall, John Purdom, (Mansard) $1,700; painting and glazing, Henry Colerick, $87; cement roofing, Weldern & Co., $7 per square yard; felt and gravel, Wm Cathro, $130; slating, Geo. Riddell, $425; galvanized iron work, McBride & Boyd, $553. Total, $2,895, or $600 less for repairing. Block crossings, Wm. Cathro, $1 10 per square yard; paving, William Gallop, crossings, 35 cents per yard; gutters, 18 cents per yard; supplies for Victoria Park, A. S. Cox, 209 feet linen hose, 18 cents per foot and couplings 30 cents each; 3, The following work has been done on the recommendation of the Engineer: Brick floor in A. Mountjoy's cellar, City Hall store; 4, Re the taking of steps at the request of the Mayor and Mr. Wm. Saunders to prevent the destruction of shade trees; 5, That the [illegible]th clause of our last report, referred back to committee, be again recommended for adoption. (The clause in question was in reference to the Engineer's recommendations as to the method of laying sidewalks through the boulevards, etc.) 7, That in accordance with the expressed wishes of a great many of the free holders of this city your Committee has taken the necessary steps to have several sewers advertised in accordance with the Municipal Act. We find that the Chairman of No. One Committee, with the City Solicitor, have placed us in the position that we cannot present the necessary by-law for the construction of said sewers, owing to their not being advertised in two newspapers of the city, which, in the opinion of the Committee, is not required by the Act of the Legislature.

Taken up clause by clause; 1st 2nd 3rd, 4th passed

TRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

In reference the shade tree question, Ald. Stringer said there was a widespread feeling of indignation in his part of the city over the manner in which the tree guards had been recklessly destroyed by the men who were doing the work of checking the maple insect pest. It was an outrage upon many of the working men in that part of the city, and a shame that such destruction of private property should have been allowed. The man who was in charge of the work, on being spoken to by some of the Aldermen, informed them that they had no business to interfere with him, as he had his instructions from the Engineer.

Ald. Skinner substantially bore out the above remarks.

Ald. Stringer said he intended to move at the proper time that the persons be re-imbursed on account of the damages.

Ald. Moore pointed out that in tearing down the tree guards, without notice, the by-laws had been violated.

Ald. O'Meara said No. Two Committee gave no instructions.

Ald. Browne said the Committee gave no instructions in reference to the guards. They simply appointed the four men and provided them with materials for destroying the insects.

The Engineer said the statement of Mr. Denholm, that he had received instructions from him (the Engineer) to take down the tree guards, was entirely untrue. He said what was done was at the suggestion of Mr. Saunders, who proposed that the men who went around with the wash for the trees, take a hatchet with them to remove any guards where they were injuring the trees or where they were not required.

After further discussion the matter was, on motion of Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Skinner, referred to No. Two Committee to make any necessary investigations.

Clause 5 read

Mr. Vining addressed the Council in reference to the walk on Dufferin avenue, north side.

(The Mayor left the chair, which was taken by Ald. Birrell.

Ald. Moore introduced a uniform plan of his own for laying out the street walks, and moved in amendment that it be adopted in preference to the one prepared by the Engineer.

Ald. Boyd said Ald. Moore's plan would involve changes in the water courses and road beds that would cost the city about $25,000.

The Mayor resumed the chair, and Ald. Moore's amendment was lost.

Another amendment by Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Hyman, was moved, as follows:

"That the road bed be made forty feet, and the sidewalk made to run six feet from the outer row of trees." Lost, and clause passed.

Clause 6 read.

Ald. O'Meara—That clause never originated in the Committee.

Ald. Hyman—I am able to defend my actions, but must object to the clause as not coming from the Committee.

Ald. Hunt proposed and Ald. O'Meara concurred, that the clause should be struck out.

Ald. Browne said the clause set forth the reason why "we," that was himself, was not able to submit certain by-laws.

Ald. O'Meara said no such motion was before the Committee.

Ald. Birrell—I think the motion was passed before your arrival, for you were late that night, Ald. O'Meara.

Ald. Browne now read the resolution passed in Committee.

Ald. Hyman—Now, Your Worship, I ask your ruling upon this point: That Ald. Browne has no right to bring in anything but the words of the resolution passed by the committee, and not to throw any of his own reflections upon another alderman or the city officials.

Ald. Browne then gave an explanation of why his report took the form it did, and at length defended his action. He said Ald. Hyman had not acted fairly towards No. Two Committee, and had improperly interfered.

The Mayor ruled that Ald. Browne had a perfect right to report what took place in committee, and also the result of his interview with the City Solicitor, if he (the chairman) acted under the authority of the committee. If not, the clause should be expunged. He ruled, however, that as the result of the interview had not been reported to the committee, and as that part of the clause beginning with the words "We find," etc, to the end, was without the sanction of the committee, it should be expunged.

Ald. Hyman explained his position in the matter, claiming that he acted in the interests of the city. He pointed out incidentally that there were five sewers built in the city for which no by-laws were extant, and it was to prevent this looseness that he had exerted himself. As to his action toward No. Two Committee, he desired to state publicly that he had never been actuated by any motive but the best interests of the city. If his course in any particular had seemed out of place towards No. Two Committee he would now apologize, but he never intended anything offensive.

Ald. Boyd and Browne—Motion that $250 be set aside in the estimates for grading Waterloo street, north of Princess avenue.

Mr. John Christie addressed the Board in advocacy of the motion.

Ald. Birrell proposed that $250 be set aside to grade Spettigue's hill on Clarence street.

Ald. O'Meara moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that both matters be referred to No. Two Committee. Carried.

The report of No. Two, as amended, was now passed.

THE SEWERS.

Ald. Hyman asked that the Council define the method to be pursued in building and paying for sewers. He moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the Council proceed upon the debenture system. Carried.

THE NELLES' CLAIM.

The Mayor said some action should be taken in reference to this matter, as a writ was threatened against the city.

Ald. Boyd moved that a compromise be made. Ald. Birrell seconded.

Ald. O'Meara moved in amendment that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the suit. No seconder.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment that the matter be referred to No. Two Committee. Seconded by Ald. Stringer. Carried.

A BY-LAW,

providing for a lease of stall in market bazaar to O'Mara Bros., was read three times and passed.

REPORT OF NO. ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—Recommended payment of the following accounts: Debenture expenses, Toronto Mail, advertising, $90; Montreal Shareholder, $44.80; Journal of Commerce, $2[illegible]; Montreal Herald, $35; Quebec Chronicle, $44.80; M. D. Dawson & Co., $35.20; insurance on band stand, $4; on Hospital addition, $32.30; salaries for quarter ending June 30, $3,416.10; stationery, E. A. Taylor, $66.6[illegible]; C. Chapman, $8.10; M. D. Dawson & Co., $1.80; Registry Office to C. Chapman, $39; Fire Department pay sheet, $898.19; Jas. Wright & Co., $23.89; H. C. Smyth, $53.84; Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co., $8.85; W. T. Strong, $35.1[illegible]; J. H. Tennent, $7.75; Wonnacott & Coppinger, $26.55; Mrs. Hayes, $33; M. C. Green, $1.65; Loughrey & Tackabury $12.15. Hospital—Wm. Hinton, $88.67; W. T. Strong, $112.86; T. Churcher & Co., $27; S. Cooper, $40.70; T. E. O. Callaghan, $14[illegible].45; F. B. Wilkinson, $17.50; James Perkins, $134.27; Jas. Griffin, $11.[illegible]3; R. Walker & Sons, $47.46; Sam. Stewart, $[illegible].19; Jas. Marshall, 75 cents; F. B. Wilkinson, $[illegible].57; W. Steveley, $7.60; Geo. Rendell, $37.2[illegible]; John Ranahan, $12.10; pay sheet, $126.50. Relief—Wm. Hinton, $8[illegible].[illegible]0; R. R. passes, $7.35; T. E. O. Callaghan, $38. Total, $5,964.65; 2. That the petitions of Margaret Donnelly and Ann McDonough for remission of taxes be granted; 3. That petition of Mary Reid for remission of taxes be fyled; 4. That the petition of L. Olmstead for remission of income tax be fyled; 5. Your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for the months of May and June; 6. Your committee beg to report the receipt of the Police Commissioners' estimates for the year 188[illegible]; 7. Your committee beg to submit a proposed by law prepared by the city solicitor authorizing the leasing of that portion of the City Hall building recently occupied by James McKenzie to Robt. Clarke; 8. That the prayer of the petition of the city assessors for an increase in salary for the year 1883 be not granted; 9. That the application from the Revision Court recommending the payment of five dollars each to R. Mawhinney and E. Murphy, for services rendered during the sittings of the Court, be granted.

Taken up clause by clause; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th passed, and 8th moved for adoption.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment that $100 extra be paid each of the assessors on account of extra service. The matter, after discussion, was adopted and clause passed. The question, however, is to be considered by No. One Committee, so that the assessors may be remunerated for their extra labors, but their salaries as assessors simply could not be interfered with.

ANOTHER BY-LAW

was read confirming the lease of a City Hall store to R. Clarke. Read three times and adopted.

TAX COLLECTION.

Ald. Cowan moved, and Ald. —— seconded, that the time for the return of the rolls be extended till Sept. 1st

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the time be Aug. 15th. Carried.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman: Your Committee beg leave to submit their report on the several clauses of the auditor's report for quarter ending March 31, 1883, referred to your Committee at Council meeting held April 23rd last. 1, The new license book was placed in the hands of the Inspector April 25th, 1883, and has fully met the requirements of that office, furnishing a complete check and correct register of that particular branch of the Inspector's work; 2. Your Committee have had proofs struck of the city certificates cheques and vouchers, printed on paper uniform in size, and adapted to the several departments of the corporation. Your Committee beg leave to submit said proofs and recommend their adoption; 3. Your Committee concur with the recommendation of the auditors "that a safe be procured for the Treasurer's office of sufficient size to contain all the books of current accounts, with a small 'burglar proof' within it." Your Committee beg, therefore, to recommend that such a safe be procured at a cost not to exceed $500. Adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Hunt—That the time for receiving tenders for the $175,000 city debentures be extended to August 15.

THE COW NUISANCE.

Ald. Moore moved and Ald. Hunt seconded, that the police be instructed to enforce the present cow by-law. Carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Ald. Labatt asked two months' leave of absence. Granted, and Ald Birrell's name was substituted for his on committee.

On motion Ald. Birrell was appointed to act on all committees of which Ald. Labatt is member, during the absence of Ald. Labatt.

RETRIBUTION.

Ald. Birrell pointed out that though the Salvation Army had been granted the privilege of using the City Hall for their Sunday services for months past, they now absolutely refused to comply with the by-laws of the city, and grave complaints had been made against them by residents of King street. He therefore moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the privilege of using the City Hall as granted in the past be withdrawn from the Army from this date.

Carried.

Adjourned for two weeks.